GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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TRAINING IN BOMB EXPLOSION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have lost crores of rupees by way of incidents of pilferage in the centres for imparting training to soldiers in Bomb explosion during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) if so, facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government are also aware of the fact that the remnants of exploded bombs are stolen from these centres;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of lives lost in such case; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check such incidence of pilferage?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAMRAJU)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. It is presumed that the Question pertains to firing of shells by Artillery Guns and tanks of the Armoured Corps units at Field Firing Ranges. The probability of pilferage and theft is well protected by regulations. Therefore, the question of loss to the Government in imparting training on Bomb explosion in the Army does not arise.

(c) & (d): Training in Bomb explosion in the Indian Army is conducted at the College of Military Engineering (CME) and Bombs exploded components held on the inventory of CME are accountable and controlled stores. Hence, the question of loss by way of theft etc. and loss of lives, does not arise.

(e) Not applicable.